

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A disc cartridge comprising
a disc; and
a main cartridge body unit having said disc rotatably housed therein;
one lateral surface of said main cartridge body unit being a substantially semicircular arcuate section having a center of said disc housed in said main cartridge body unit as a center thereof, wherein a back side of said main cartridge body unit opposite said arcuate section is a curved section having a curvature smaller than a curvature of said arcuate section.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 11, wherein said arcuate section is formed on an inserting side of said main cartridge body unit into a recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The disc cartridge according to claim 12, wherein ~~a back side of said main cartridge body unit~~ the curved section is opposite to an inserting end thereof ~~formed as said arcuate section is a curved section having a curvature smaller than a curvature of said arcuate section~~ of said main cartridge body unit.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The disc cartridge according to claim 11, wherein said main cartridge body unit includes a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing at least a portion of said a signal recording area of said disc to outside across an inner rim and an outer rim of the disc and wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed for being opened in a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as said arcuate section.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 14, wherein a shutter unit for opening/closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture is movably mounted to said main cartridge body unit.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said shutter unit is moved along a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than said arcuate section of said main cartridge body unit for opening/ closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 16, wherein the lateral side along which is moved said shutter unit is a side parallel to a movement direction of said shutter unit.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The disc cartridge according to claim 11, wherein an engagement recess engaged by a part of an ejection unit provided to the a recording and/or reproducing apparatus loaded with the disc cartridge is formed in the lateral side of the main cartridge body unit carrying said arcuate section, and wherein

a cut-out portion opened in an opposite direction to said inserting direction is formed on a side of said engagement recess opposite to the inserting direction into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 18, wherein another engagement recess is formed in a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit carrying said engagement recess.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 19, wherein a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing at least a portion of said disc is formed in said main cartridge body unit, and wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed for being opened in a lateral surface of said main cartridge body unit, formed with said engagement recess, other than the lateral side carrying said arcuate section of the main cartridge body unit.

Claim 21 (new): A disc cartridge comprising
a disc; and
a main cartridge body unit having said disc rotatably housed therein;
one lateral surface of said main cartridge body unit being a substantially semicircular arcuate section having a center of said disc housed in said main cartridge body unit as a center thereof,
wherein an engagement recess engaged by a part of an ejection unit provided to a recording and/or reproducing apparatus loaded with the disc cartridge is formed in the lateral side of the main cartridge body unit carrying said arcuate section, and wherein
a cut-out portion opened in an opposite direction to said inserting direction is formed on a side of said engagement recess opposite to the inserting direction into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

Claim 22 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 21, wherein another engagement recess is formed in a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit carrying said engagement recess.

Claim 23 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 23, wherein a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing at least a portion of said disc is formed in said main cartridge body unit, and wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed for being opened in a lateral surface of said main cartridge body unit, formed with said engagement recess, other than the lateral side carrying said arcuate section of the main cartridge body unit.